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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | CURRENT WEEK 11/16/02 | PREVIOUS WEEK 11/09/02 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRO-FRY | 158,662 | 160,232 |
| LT HENS | 1,570 | 1,563 |
| HVY HENS | 1,575 | 1,601 |

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 09-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| HEAD | 220 | 0 | 220 |
| LAST WEEK | 313 | 3 | 316 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 148 | 0 | 148 |
| TO DATE 2002 | 13,638 | 275 | 13,913 |
| TO DATE 2001 | 18,635 | 279 | 18,914 |

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------|
| HEAD | 1,658 | 1,548 | 3,206 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,010 | 1,541 | 3,551 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 1,992 | 1,431 | 3,423 |
| TO DATE 2002 | 92,434 | 64,114 | 156,548 |
| TO DATE 2001 | 99,151 | 61,107 | 160,258 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 09-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| HEAD | 155,647 (A) | 1,438 | 1,548 | 2,986 |
| AVG WT | 5.13 | 3.51 | 7.89 | 5.78 |
| LAST WEEK | 155,193 | 1,697 | 1,538 | 3,235 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 154,526 | 1,844 | 1,431 | 3,275 |
| AVG WT | 4.93 | 3.45 | 7.82 | 5.36 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 6,999,610 | 78,796 | 63,839 | 142,635 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 6,940,299 | 80,516 | 62,259 | 142,775 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.5 million head or 2.2 million head more than or 101% percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING November 02, 2002**

| | (A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN | (B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS | (C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | |
| HEAD | 30,042 | 24,223 | 46,736 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.82 | 4.83 | 6.26 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 30% | 24% | 46% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 24,024 | 25,971 | 42,856 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.76 | 4.92 | 6.16 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 26% | 28% | 46% |
| SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2 | 29,586 | 28,217 | 44,088 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.77 | 4.69 | 6.23 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 29% | 28% | 43% |
| TO DATE/2002 | 1,131,956 | 980,315 | 1,817,026 |
| TO DATE/2001 | 1,376,689 | 1,218,302 | 1,915,305 |

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 09-Nov-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG (B) HENS | TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD BREEDERS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| HEAD | 2,585 | 3,268 | 87 | 30 | 5,970 |
| AVG WT | 16.17 | 34.60 | 24.04 | 32.75 | 26.45 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 2,352 | 3,035 | 63 | 37 | 5,487 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,705 | 3,152 | 30 | 4 | 5,891 |
| AVG WT | 16.04 | 32.94 | 24.68 | 25.96 | 25.14 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 83,751 | 124,291 | 2,455 | 466 | 210,963 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 91,596 | 125,191 | 2,069 | 530 | 219,386 |

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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